Dear Plumpton Public School Community,

I can’t believe we are now at the end of Week 5 of Term 2. It has been such a busy term with so much happening in classrooms and around the school. Given that this is only a nine week term, I know the pace will continue. I greatly appreciate the efforts of our staff to ensure the smooth running of events and extra curricula activities whilst always maintaining teaching and learning programs. The students are also to be commended on their participation in these activities.

SCHOOL SECURITY

Our school has been fortunate to have a CCTV security camera system permanently installed. Signs have been placed at the front entrance and in the car park to notify people that they may be under video surveillance. The system will be in continuous use to monitor for after-hours security as well as during the school day for added security.

ISSUES AT SCHOOL

Our school strives to create a safe, respectful, engaging learning environment for all of our students. Sometimes, however, students may experience a problem that we are unaware of. If issues pop up there is a procedure for dealing with them.

Students, if something is upsetting you, make time to tell your teacher! Talking about a problem will help you feel better and we can assist you to find a solution. It can sometimes be difficult to solve things on your own – our teachers are here to help!

Parents & Caregivers, if your child is having a problem:
Firstly, encourage them to talk to their teacher. Our teachers are best equipped to know what’s going on and to deal with issues effectively.

If necessary, talk to the teacher yourself
If you need to follow up on matters, you could then talk to the teacher’s supervisor. Our Assistant Principals supervise the teachers. Mrs. Wozniak is the supervisor for Kindergarten, Mrs. Plumb for Year 1 & Year 2, Mrs. Powell for Year 3 & Year 4, Mr Dauw for Year 5 & Year 6

Lastly, if issues are still not resolved, please feel free to contact me.

UNIFORM
It really is nice to see our students in their full school uniform. The school uniform helps to reinforce a sense of pride, identity and unity. Lately, quite a few students have been out of uniform.

If your child needs to be out of school uniform for the day could you please send a note to the classroom teacher. Some students may be choosing to wear non-school jumpers and ‘hoodies’ instead of their uniform. In addition, many students are wearing sport shoes on non-sport days instead of the black school shoes. An Out of Uniform note will be sent home to keep you informed.

The school has a small amount of funding for student assistance for uniform purchases. Applications for student assistance are available at the front office. All applications are treated confidentially and you will be notified of the outcome as soon as possible.

CARE & SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS before and after normal school hours
I mentioned in my last newsletter of Term 1 that there are a large number of children being dropped off in the playground before 8:30am AND also children waiting to be picked up well after the bell at 2:55pm.

I would like to draw your attention to this passage issued by the NSW Department of Education:

*It is not the responsibility of schools to provide free child minding services for students for extended periods before and after school. Schools are not expected to provide supervision for students any earlier than the half hour before normal school classes commence in the morning. When normal classes finish in the afternoon it is expected that students will safely depart the school. Parents must be made aware of this.* (NSW DET Teachers Handbook)

Parents and caregivers, please ensure you are driving safely and considerately near our school. As you know, children can move very quickly and be very unpredictable.

There are still parents using our car park to drop their children off in the mornings and pick them up in the afternoons. You MUST NOT use the school car park without an appropriate permit – teachers do not have responsibility for providing supervision at the front gate or the car park at any time.

We are already taking ENROLMENTS FOR KINDERGARTEN FOR 2015!
If you have a child commencing school next year I would encourage you to submit your enrolment application soon. We will be planning our Transition to School Program next term, places will be limited, and are only open for children enrolled for Kindergarten at Plumpton Public School in 2015.

Please pass this message on to neighbours, family and friends in our school community who may have young ones ready to start school next year.

Yours in partnership,
Maureen Johnson
Principal

REMEMBER – ‘Be on Time at 5 to 9’
CROSS COUNTRY
On the 28 May we had 28 students attend Zone Cross Country at Paterson Reserve. All Children did extremely well and made the school proud.

Achievements and children attending the Regional Cross Country:
1st Praneet Singh
1st Mackenzie Doust
2nd Haven Tedeschi
3rd Amy Briens
8th Ayisha Asad
8th Thalia Henshaw

Congratulations to all the students involved.
Miss Barker

SRC NEWS
The SRC fundraises and donates money to a worthy cause every year. Our 2 major causes this year are adopting 4 animals at Taronga Zoo and donating money and clothes to Stewart House.

Each stage has voted for the animals that they would like to support.
Kindergarten – Zebras
Stage One – Giraffes
Stage Two – Cheetahs
Stage Three - Penguins

CRAZY HAIR DAY is on Wednesday 11th June, 2014.
Students will be able to come to school with a crazy and wacky hair style.
Full school uniform must be worn on the day.

COST $ Gold coin Donation

STEWARD HOUSE CLOTHING APPEAL
It’s that time of year where we ask that you put aside your old clothes to help the needy. Put these dates in your diary for this year’s collection for Stewart House Clothing Appeal-
23rd June and 6th November.
Collection bags will be sent home soon for the first collection. Please send the filled bag in on the morning of the 23rd June, as there is limited space to store them before the pick up date.

FOUND
We have a pair of glasses at the office. They are maroon framed in a black Specsavers case. If you have lost glasses at the school, you are very welcome to come and have a look at these.

LETTER FROM JOHN HORNE
ANZAC CENTENARY 2015
In conjunction with Blacktown and District Historical Society and Jim Bostock of Blacktown RSL, I am in the process of researching and writing a book entitled ‘Diggers from the Shire of Blacktown’ which will give honour to those men and women who served their country in the Australian defence forces during the First World War (1914-1918).

Identifying those soldiers, seamen and airmen is a massive task. As a school which has been in existence since that time, we seek your help in providing the names (or any other information) which might be found on honour boards, rolls of honour, cenotaphs or any memorabilia relating to WW1 (for the period 1914-1918). Perhaps you may know somewhere or someone within your local community who may know a name or some other information e.g. address, date of birth, next of kin, marital status, employment etc that may be in historical records or files.
We are principally concentrating on those who were born in the Blacktown Shire, those who enlisted from the Blacktown Shire or who came to live in the Blacktown Shire after the Great War.

Blacktown Shire has changed greatly over the past 100 years and without doubt was not what Blacktown City is today. The particular areas we are seeking information and/or photographs relate to those Blacktown Shire localities of 100 years ago. These are Blacktown, Prospect, Rooty Hill, Plumpton, Rouse Hill, Wentworthville, Colyton, Eastern Creek, Marsden Park, Minchinbury, Model Farms, Mt Druitt, Parklea, Pendle Hill, Quakers Hill, Riverstone, Schofields, Seven Hills, Toongabbie, Kellyville and Vineyard. We are also searching for information a little further afield to Holroyd, Fairfield, Westmead, Parramatta, Auburn, Baulkham Hills etc.

As you can imagine, critical deadlines must be met for the book to be edited, published and distributed to all schools in the Blacktown City area by Anzac Day, 2015.
We thank you very much for any information you might be able to provide. My email address is jhornex@live.com.au.
Yours faithfully,
John Horne
(N.J. Horne)
Vice President
Blacktown and District Historical Society

ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP TO DATE?
Please make sure you inform the front office if any of your details including any emergency contact details have changed.

LOST PROPERTY
A reminder to parents to ensure that all school uniform items are clearly marked with your child’s name. Lunch containers and drink bottles also need to be labelled as well please.

SCHOOL PROCEDURES & REMINDERS
PAYMENTS
All payments for excursions, camp, activities etc. must be paid by the advised closing date. All money is to be put in the slot at the counter of the office. Please ensure you have enclosed the correct money (no change will be given) in an envelope clearly marked with child’s name, class, activity and amount. Sorry we do not supply envelopes.

This includes Student Banking.

P&C NEWS
Uniform shop.
Monday AND Thursday 8.30-9am and 2.30-2.55pm.
CASH ONLY

SCHOOL SAFETY & SECURITY
If you see any suspicious activity at Plumpton P.S. after school hours, please phone:

The School Security Hotline:
1300 880 021

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WHAT IS FRESH TASTES?

Our school implements the Fresh Tastes @ School NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy, which means our canteen has guidelines to follow when designing the menu. Fresh Tastes @ School uses a coloured spectrum to categorise food based on nutritional value:

GREEN: these foods are a good source of nutrients and contain less saturated fat, sugar, salt and excessive kilojoules so fill the menu with these foods.

AMBER: these foods have some nutritional value, moderate levels of saturated fat, added sugar and salt so select these foods carefully, avoid large portion sizes and don't allow them to dominate the menu.

RED: have little to no nutritional value and are high in saturated fat, added sugar, salt and excess kilojoules. These foods can only be sold on two occasions per term.

For more information, visit www.healthy-kids.com.au

Keep saving to win a family underwater adventure holiday.

Plus make friends with the dolphins at Sea World.

The Commonwealth Bank is giving you the chance to win a family underwater adventure holiday. If your children's canteen has implemented the Fresh Tastes @ School NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy, you could win a family underwater adventure holiday for four people. You could even win a chance to make friends with the dolphins at Sea World.

Major prize:

- A four-night family holiday package at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast.
- A central location on the Gold Coast.
- A Commonwealth Bank gift card to get you home.

Runner up prizes:

Two lucky runners up will receive a prize of $250 worth of delicious treats for their family or friends. You could even win a special prize of $1,000 cash for one school in each state or territory.

For more information visit:

commbank.com.au/deepseasavers

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